

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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VIA ECF

The Honorable Magistrate Judge Marcia M. Henry United States District Court, Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East, Courtroom 504N Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: SEC v. Auzins, No. 21 Civ. 6693 (LDH) (MMH) (E.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Henry:

Pursuant to the Court's July 31, 2024 Text Order, the SEC submits this status report advising the Court of its next intended steps in this civil action.

After judgment was entered in Defendant Ivars Auzins ("Auzins") parallel criminal action, captioned United States v. Augins, 21-CR-357 (EDNY) (ERK), Augins returned to his native country, Latvia. While it was initially difficult to communicate with Auzins because he is no longer in this country, the SEC was ultimately able to communicate with Auzins through his Latvian attorney and is now engaged in serious settlement discussions. As such, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court permit the parties to continue their settlement discussions and to file a status report in 45 days updating the Court as to the parties' progress.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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